

1. A system for recruiting a patient into a clinical trial, comprising:
  - a patient interface;
  - a set of patient-specific data, collected from the patient through the patient interface;
  - a set of trial-specific criteria corresponding to the clinical trial;
  - a content interface;
  - a set of disease-specific data, collected from a disease expert through the content interface; and
  - instructions for matching, including
    - instructions for coupling the set of patient-specific data to the disease-specific data and producing a set of patient-disease characteristics, and
    - instructions for coupling the set of patient-disease characteristics to the set of trial-specific criteria and determining whether a match exists between the patient and the clinical trial.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the patient interface comprises an HTML-encoded web page.
3. The system of claim 1, further comprising a patient database, including the patient-specific data.
4. The system of claim 1, further comprising a clinical trial database, including the set of trial-specific criteria.
5. The system of claim 1, further comprising a disease database, including the set of disease-specific data.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the patient-specific data, the disease-specific data, the trial-specific criteria, the instructions for matching, and the instructions for coupling are stored in a server.
7. The system of claim 1, wherein the patient interface is adapted for transmission over a network to a remote location.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the content interface is adapted for transmission over a network to a remote location.
9. The system of claim 1, wherein the patient interface includes a series of questions.
10. The system of claim 1, further comprising instructions for coupling at least a portion of the patient-specific data to the clinical trial.
11. The system of claim 1, further comprising instructions for coupling a set of trial contact information to the patient.
12. The system of claim 1, wherein the patient-specific data comprises at least one of patient contact information, disease of concern, demographic data, drug classes of interest, prior therapies, specific drugs of interest, years since diagnosis, stage of disease, phase of clinical trial, and concomitant diseases.
13. A system for recruiting a patient into a clinical trial, comprising:  
a patient database, residing on a server and including a set of patient-specific data;  
a criteria interface coupled to the server over a network;  
a set of clinical trial criteria corresponding to the clinical trial and collected through the criteria interface; and  
instructions for comparing the set of clinical trial criteria to the set of patient-specific data to determine whether a match exists between the patient and the clinical trial.
14. A method for recruiting a patient into a clinical trial, comprising:  
serving a content interface by a server to a first remote location over a network;  
receiving a set of disease-specific data from the content interface over the network, the set of disease-specific data collected from a disease expert through the content interface;  
serving a patient interface by the server to a second remote location over the network;

receiving a set of patient-specific data from the patient interface over the network, the set of patient-specific data collected from the patient through the patient interface;

filtering the set of patient-specific data in comparison to the set of disease-specific data to generate a set of patient-disease characteristics;

comparing the set of patient-disease characteristics to a set of trial-specific criteria corresponding to the clinical trial; and

determining whether a match exists between the patient and the clinical trial.

15. A method for recruiting a patient into a clinical trial, comprising:

compiling a patient database including a set of patient-specific data;

storing the database on a server;

serving a criteria interface from the server to a remote location over a network;

receiving a set of clinical trial criteria corresponding to the clinical trial from the criteria interface; and

comparing the set of clinical trial criteria to the set of patient-specific data to determine whether a match exists between the patient and the clinical trial.

16. A computer program product, disposed on a computer readable medium for recruiting a patient into a clinical trial, the program comprising instructions for causing a processor to:

serve a content interface to a first remote location over a network;

receive a set of disease-specific data from the content interface over the network, the set of disease-specific data collected from a disease expert through the content interface;

serve a patient interface by the server to a second remote location over the network;

receive a set of patient-specific data from the patient interface over the network, the set of patient-specific data collected from the patient through the patient interface;

filter the set of patient-specific data in comparison to the set of disease-specific data to generate a set of patient-disease characteristics;

compare the set of patient-disease characteristics to a set of trial-specific criteria corresponding to the clinical trial; and

determine whether a match exists between the patient and the clinical trial.

17. A method of recruiting a patient into a clinical trial, the method comprising:
  - receiving patient-specific data from a remote network device at a server;
  - accessing criteria of more than one clinical trial at the server; and
  - determining one or more clinical trials having criteria satisfied by the patient-specific data.
  
18. A server system for recruiting a patient into a clinical trial, the server system comprising:
  - sets of criteria corresponding to a different clinical trial;
  - instructions for receiving patient specific data from a remote network device; and
  - instructions for determining one or more clinical trials having criteria satisfied by the patient specific data.

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